

## **About Research Bank (updated 07/06/2024)**

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Information specifically for authors/researchers can be found in the [Research Bank guide for authors and researchers](#).

### **Introduction**

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